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katerí tekakwitha

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Once upon a time... long before the European settlers came to our country,



Miguel Yescobrow



there lived members of the Iroquois nation.

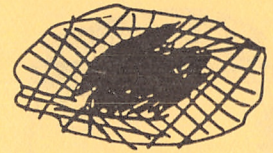
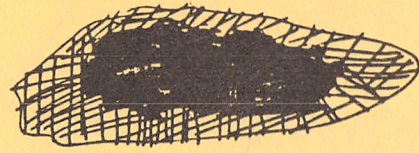


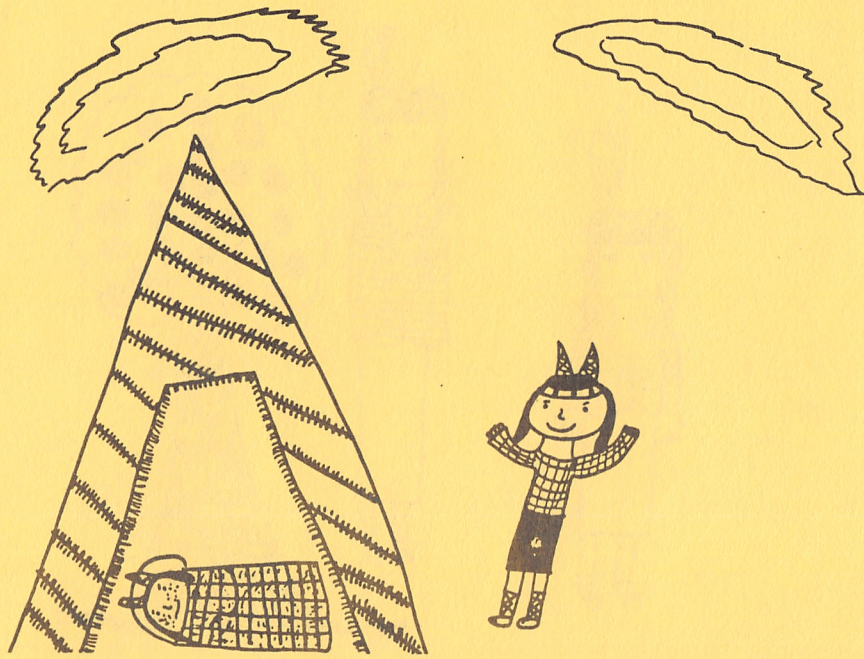
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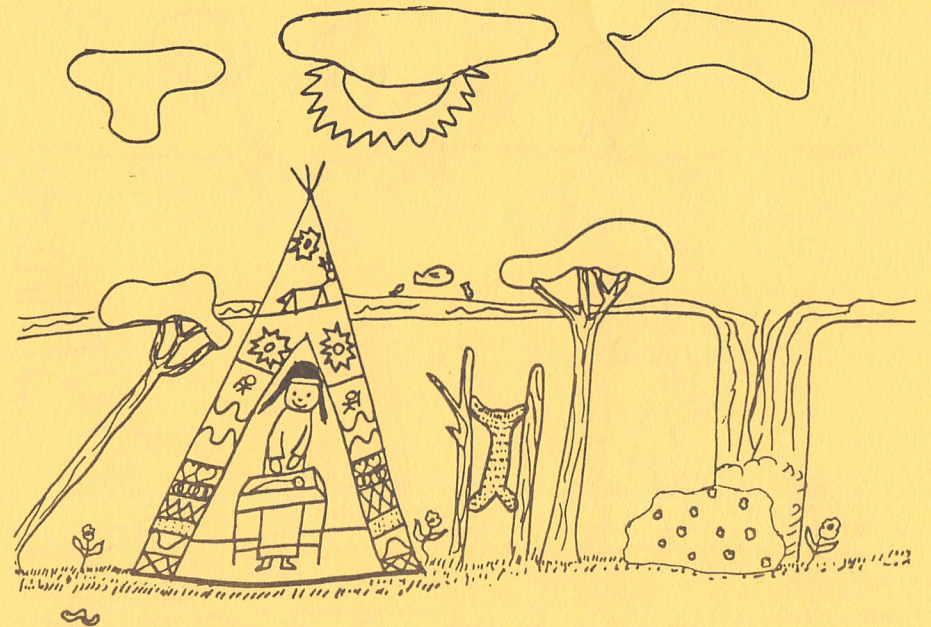
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In 1656 Kateri Tekakwitha was born.



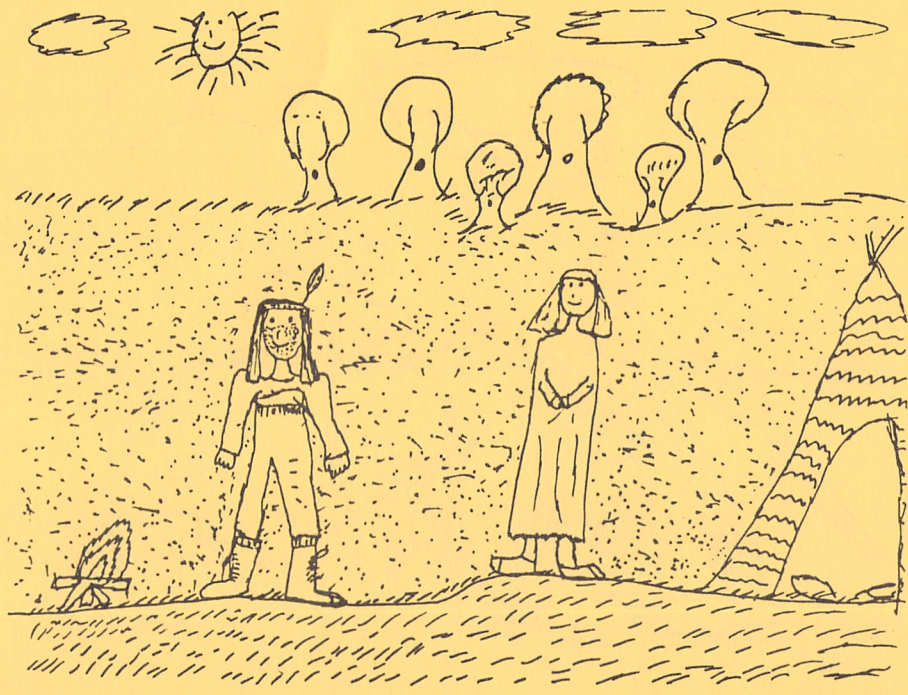


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When Tekakwitha was 3 years old, smallpox broke out in her village, killing all the members of her family.



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She was nursed during her illness by Anastasia, a kind friend of her mother.



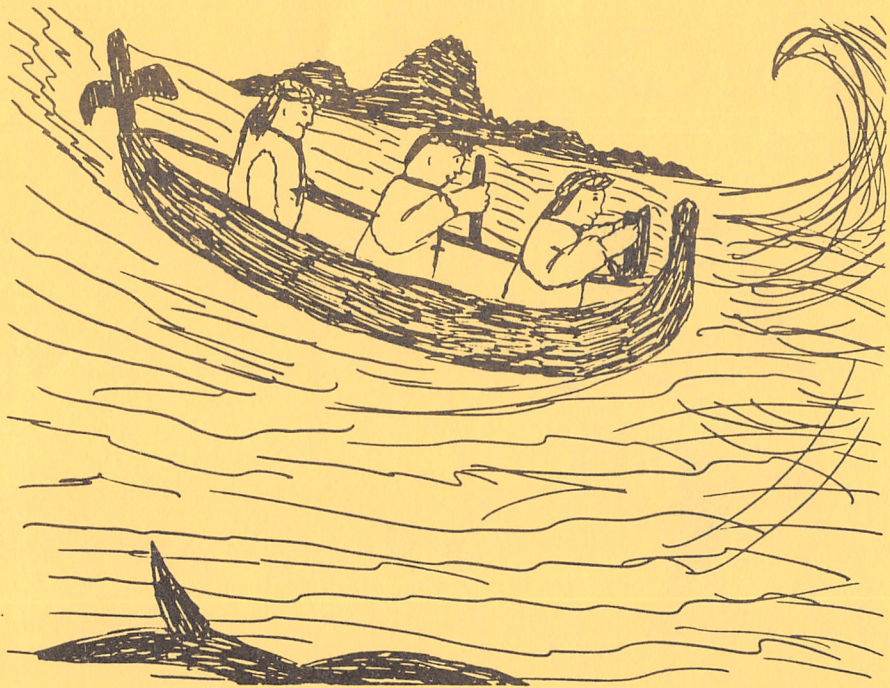
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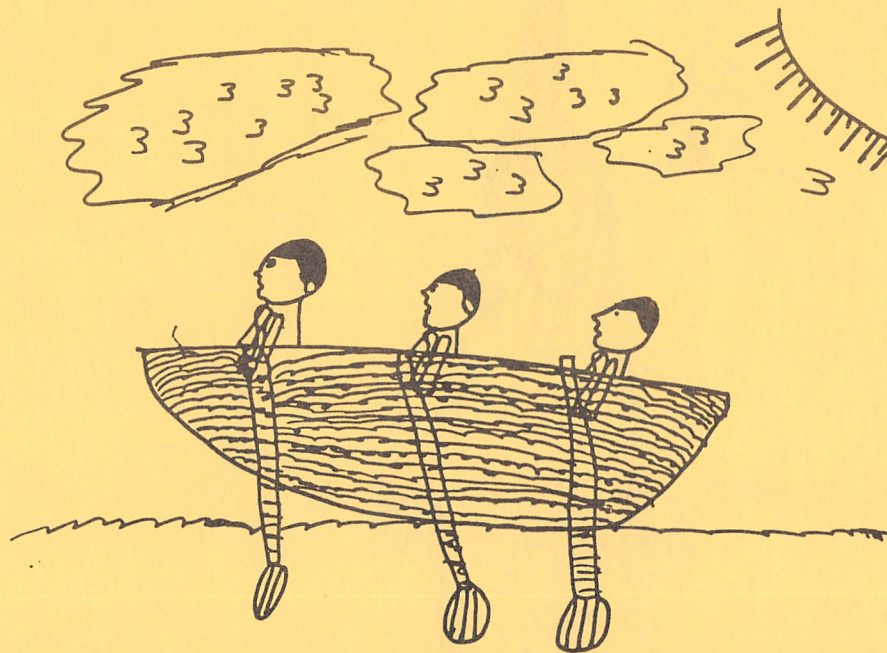
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Tekakwitha was left badly scarred and nearly blind.



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One day, French priests came to Kateri's village.

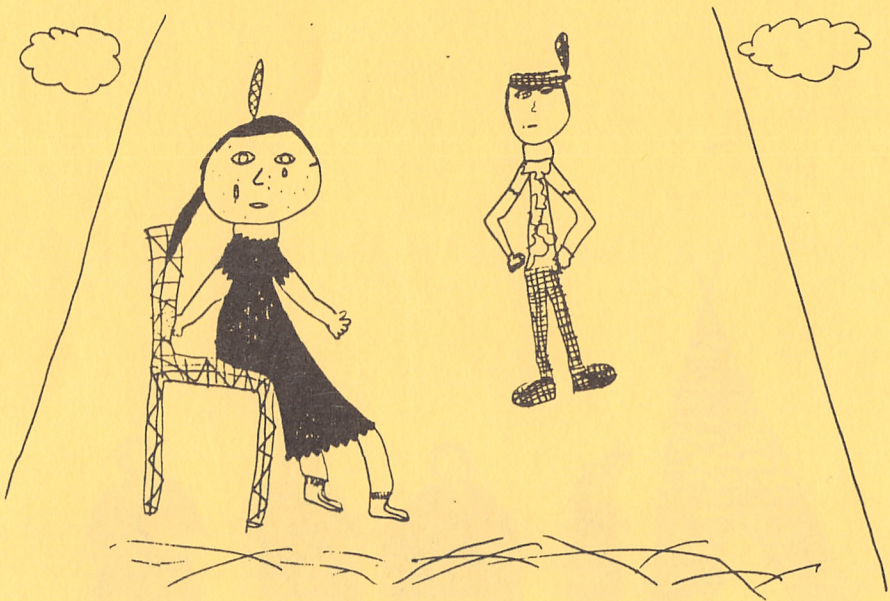


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They were nicknamed «Blackrobes» by the Indians.



Kateri Tekakwitha did not want to marry.

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By the time she was of marriageable age she had decided never to marry.

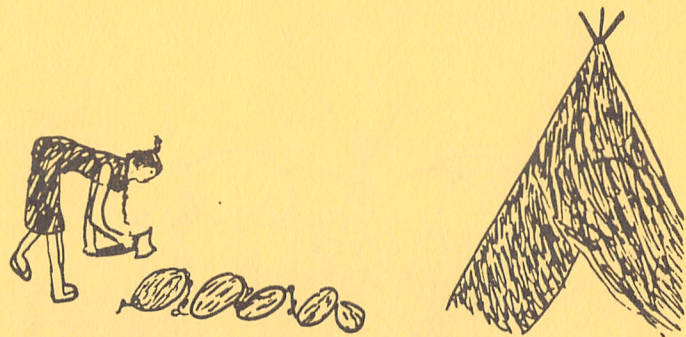
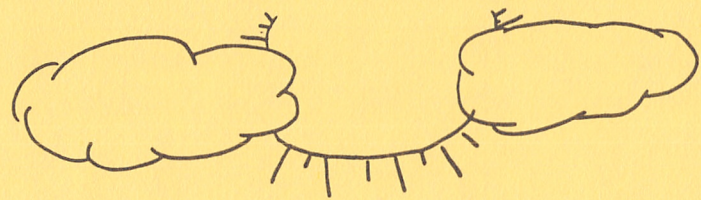


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Instead she longed to be baptised a Christian.



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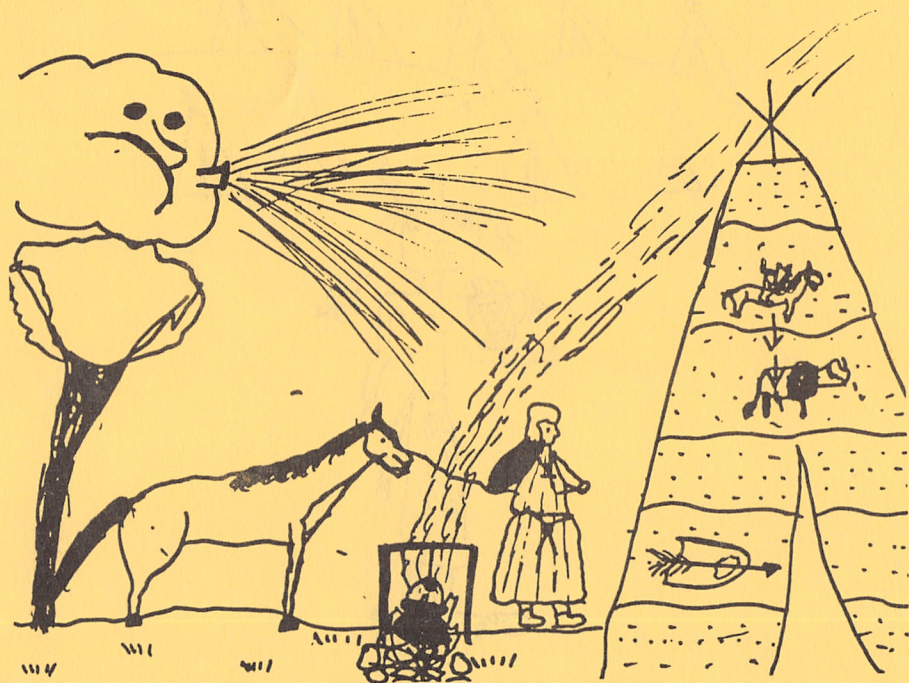


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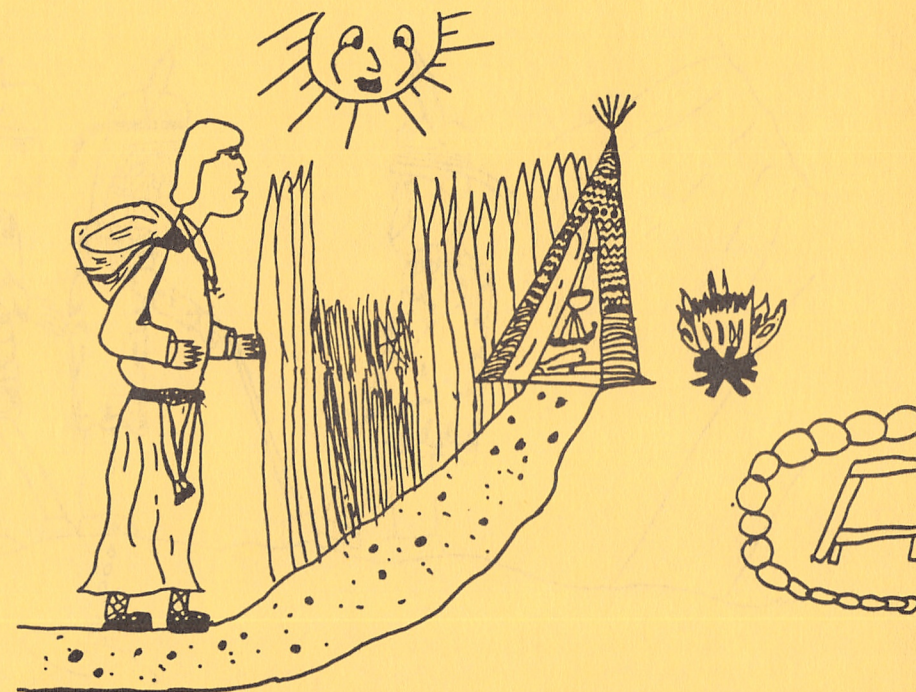
One day, she hurt her foot while working in the fields.



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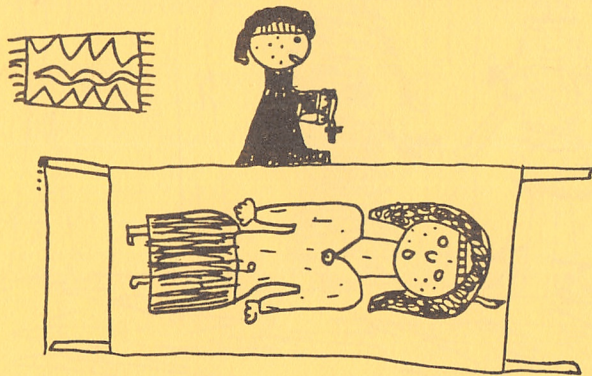
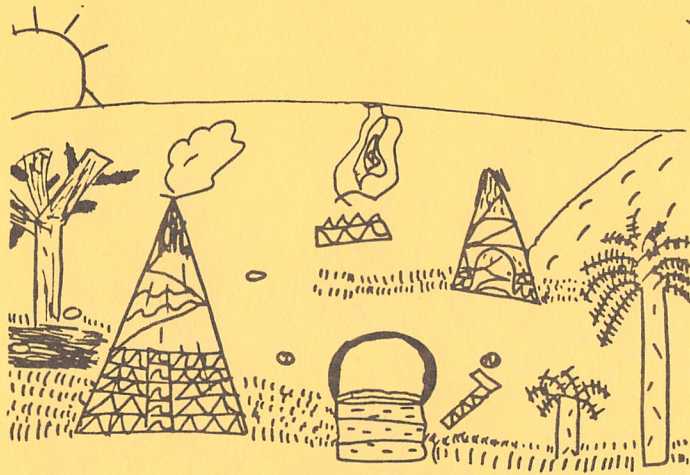


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While recovering in her tent, she heard a «Blackrobe» passing by.



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He stopped to comfort her.

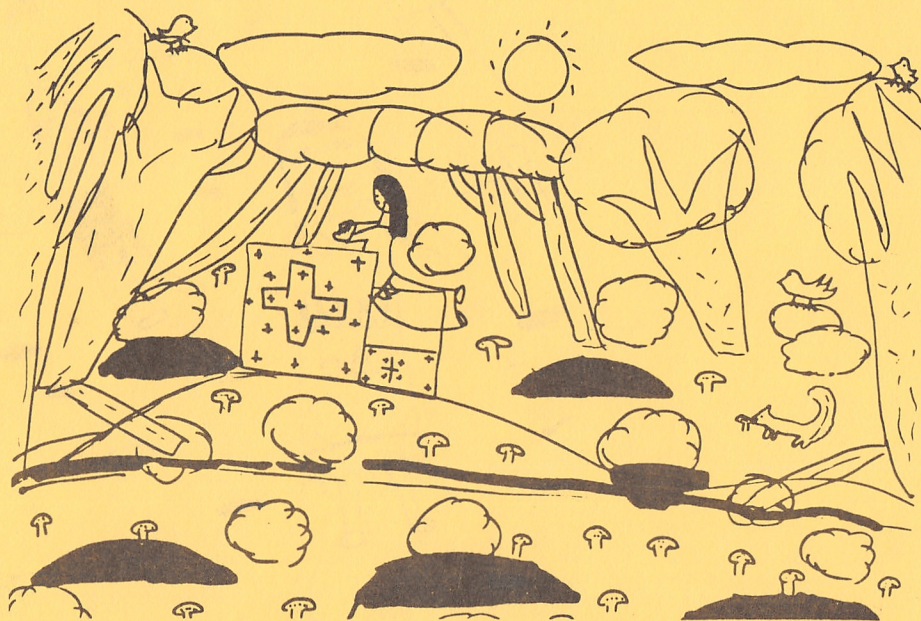


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Tekakwitha asked for his help in being baptised.



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And so it was that she became a Christian.



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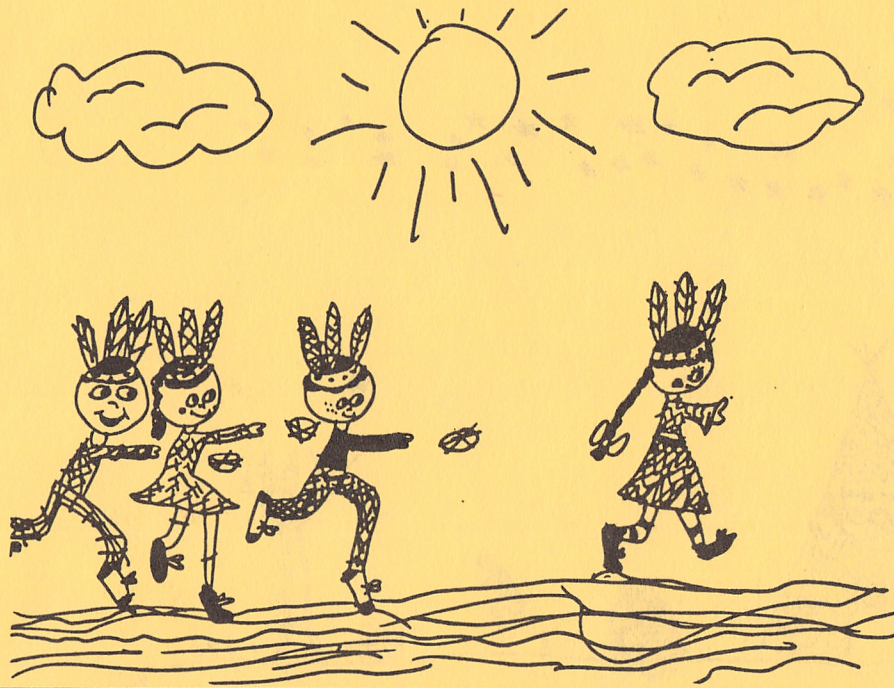


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But the tribe was angry with her.



They teased, taunted and even stoned her.



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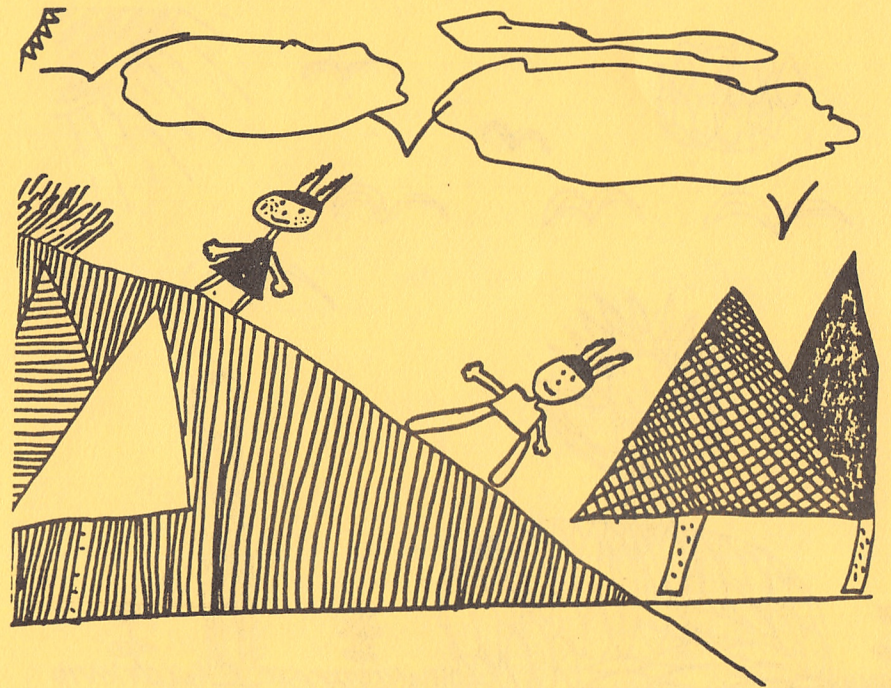


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Kateri decided to flee her native village.



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The chief of the village pursued her.



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But a kindly Huron Indian, who was also a Christian...



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covered her with leaves and branches,



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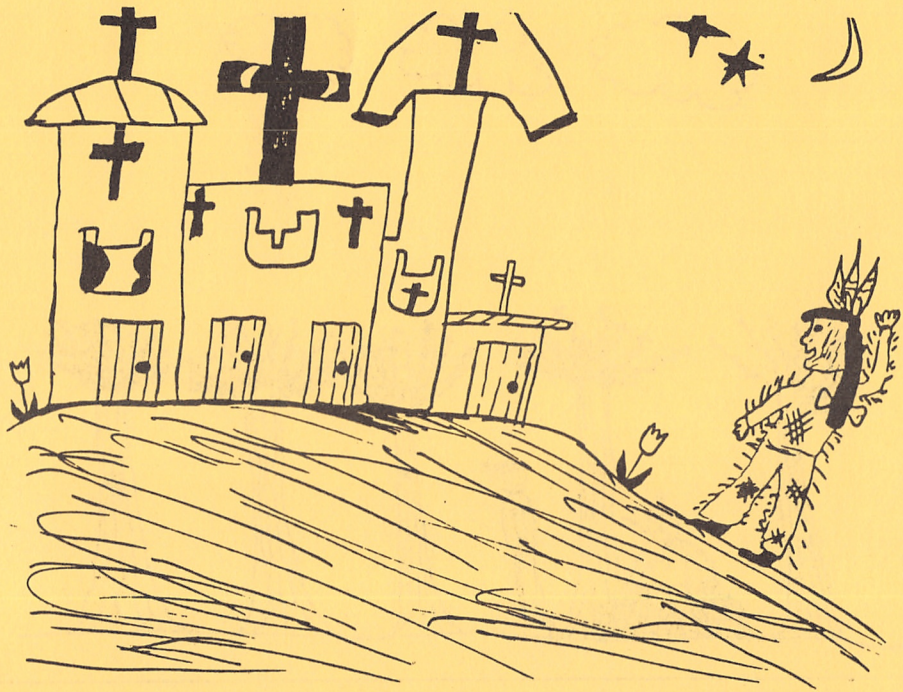


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to hide her from the chief.

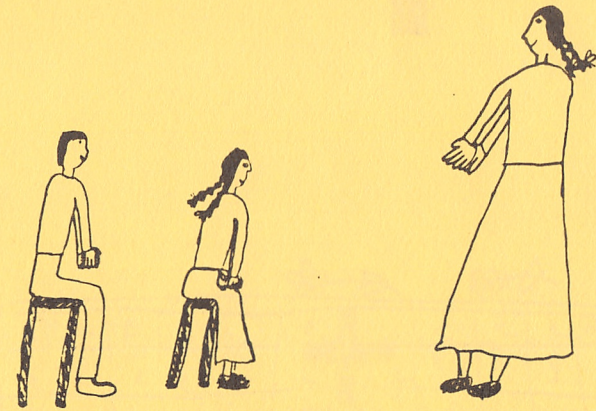


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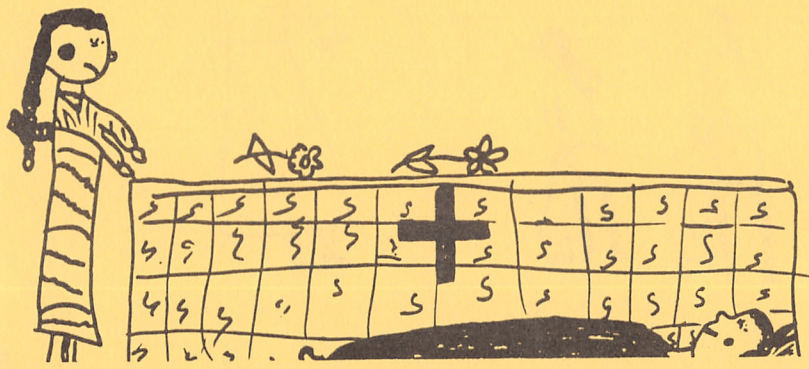
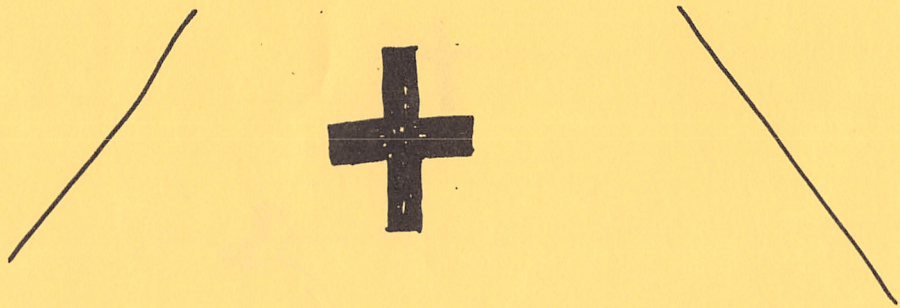


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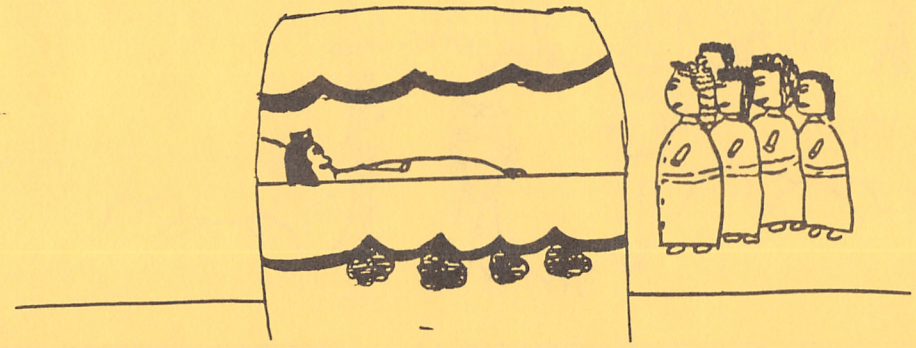
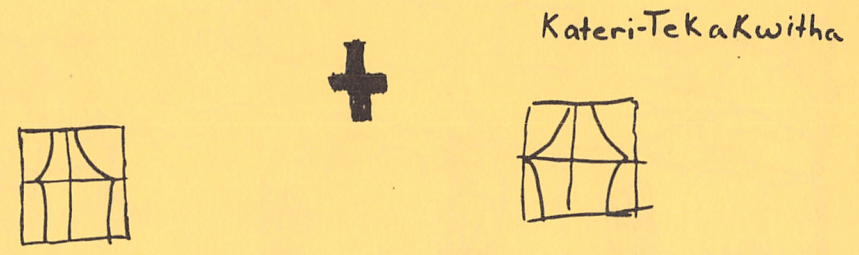
Finally, she managed to reach her haven at the church.



There she taught the children songs and stories about God and his Son.

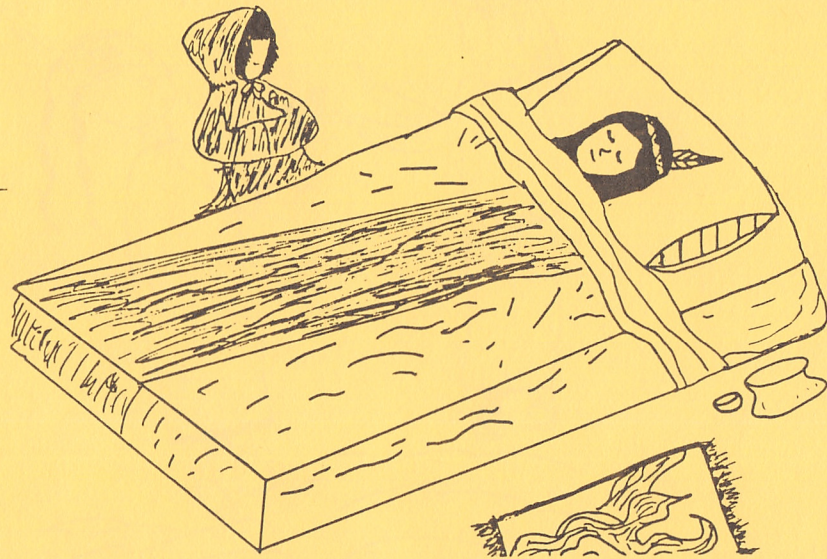


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She was only 24 years old when she died.



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To her sad friends she gave a happy sign of new life.



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And at long last she was able to see the wonders of heaven.

Illustrated by children from the Catholic School Commission of Montreal

| NAME | SCHOOL | AGE |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 Angela Wiasenko | Nazareth | 9 |
| 2 Monica Castro | Nazareth | 8 |
| 3 Francesco Gaveggio | Francesca Cabrini | 11 |
| 4 Miguel Lescarbeau | Edward Murphy | 9 |
| 5 Vijay Patel | Luke Callaghan | 11 |
| 6 Catherine Deer | St. Brendan | 8 |
| 7 Rosalia Bentwegna | St. Edmund of Canterbury | 9 |
| 8 Ivan Dolinsek | St. Michael | 10 |
| 9 Carmelo Papasodarò | Edward Murphy | 10 |
| 10 Nadia Fallavollita | Edward Murphy | 9 |
| 11 Christina Wiasenko | Nazareth | 10 |
| 12 Victor Dasilvo | Nazareth | 9 |
| 13 Patricia DiVinzenco | Holy Family | 9 |
| 14 Fernanda Macedo | Nazareth | 9 |
| 15 Lidia Primavera | Holy Family | 11 |
| 16 Eleni Lavidas | Nazareth | 9 |
| 17 Giovannina Giacomodonato | St. Michael | 11 |
| 18 Loredana Imbrogno | St. Michael | 10 |
| 19 Marianne Latergaris | Nazareth | 8 |
| 20 Gino Iannantuoni | St. Edmund of Canterbury | 11 |
| 21 Erasmo Saltarelli | St. Rita | 10 |
| 22 Danny Reg | Holy Family | 10 |
| 23 Peter Campisi | St. Michael | 9 |
| 24 Christina Zaluski | Edward Murphy | 9 |
| 25 Dora Tavares | Nazareth | 9 |
| 26 Domenic Piazza | Holy Family | 9 |
| 27 Angelica Rozzi | Edward Murphy | 9 |
| 28 Michel Deschenes | Francesca Cabrini | 11 |
| 29 Lia Ferrara | Emily Carr | 10 |
| 30 Natasha St. Amour | Luke Callaghan | 9 |
| 31 Patrizia Giannone | L. O'Toole | 8 |
| 32 Emanuel Farias | St. Brendan | 10 |
| 33 Antonella Lo Giurdice | St. Michael | 10 |
| 34 Mar y Greco | Eugenio Pacelli | 9 |
| 35 Elizabeth Rebelo | St. Brendan | 9 |
| 1 Edward Murphy | Anna Maria Schipano | 36 |
| 2 Nazareth | Carla Azevedo | 37 |
| 3 St. Brendan | Anna Maria Inogna | 38 |
| 4 L. O'Toole | Erica Gariepy | 39 |
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| 6 Eugenio Pacelli | Giovanno D'Aprano | 41 |
| 7 Emily Carr | Claudia Maciocia | 42 |
| 8 Emily Carr | Sandra Carrero | 43 |
| 9 Nazareth | Franky Pontes | 44 |
| 10 St. Michael | Carmelo Scigliitano | 45 |
| 11 Edward Murphy | Cesar Espiritu | 46 |
| 12 Edward Murphy | Erik DeAgostinis | 47 |
| 13 Emily Carr | Andrea Benedetto | 48 |
| 14 Nazareth | Peter Xirrogianis | 49 |
| 15 St. Rita | Isabelle Buzzeiti | 50 |
| 16 St. Rita | Roxane Liboiron | 51 |
| 17 St. Brendan | Bryan Vincze | 52 |
| 18 St. Edmund of Canterbury | Tony Mendolia | 53 |
| 19 St. Edmund of Canterbury | Danny Sebastiani | 54 |
| 20 Nazareth | Nettali Santos | 55 |
| 21 St. Michael | Johanny Pavéria | 56 |
| 22 St. Michael | Helena Oliveira | 57 |
| 23 St. Brendan | Ann Lew | 58 |
| 24 St. Michael | Raffaëla Caruso | 59 |
| 25 St. Rita | Gina Capone | 60 |
| 26 Emily Carr | Suzanna Bonofiglio | 61 |
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